

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A coating material comprising
  - (A) at least one kind of hydrophobic nanoparticles based on silica and
  - (B) at least one kind of hydrophilic nanoparticles based on silica having a BET internal surface area of > 300 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
2. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) have a BET internal surface area of > 340 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
3. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1 or 2, wherein the weight ratio of hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) to hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) is from 1:4 to 4:1.
4. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3, wherein the (A):(B) weight ratio is from 3:7 to 7:3.
5. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 4, wherein the (A):(B) weight ratio is from 2:3 to 3:2.
6. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 to 3, wherein the primary particle size of the nanoparticles (A) and (B) is < 35 nm.
7. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 6, wherein the primary particle size is < 20 nm.

8. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in of claim 7, wherein the primary particle size is < 10 nm.

9. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) are preparableobtained by surface modification of pyrogenic silica.

10. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, wherein the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) are composed ofcomprise pyrogenic silica.

11. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 0.3 to 6% by weight, based on the overall amounttotal weight of the coating material.

12. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in of claim 11, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 0.8 to 3% by weight, based on the overall total weight of the coating material.

13. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in claim 12, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 1 to 2.4% by weight, based on the overall amounttotal weight of the coating material.

14. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing the coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 by mixing its constituents and homogenizing the resulting mixture, which comprisescomprising mixing and homogenizing the hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) and the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) in the form of pigment pastes with the other constituents.

15. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a scratch-resistant coated surface, comprising applying the coating material of claim 1 to a surfaceThe use of the coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 or of the coating material prepared

~~by the process as claimed in claim 14 for producing scratch-resistant transparent coatings, moldings, and films.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 15 wherein the coating material of claim 1 is in the form of a molding or a film~~The use of the coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 as a clear and transparent clearcoat as part of multicoat color and/or effect paint systems.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 15 wherein the coating material is at least one component of an automotive multicoat paint system~~The use of the multicoat paint systems of claim 16 in automobile finishing.~~